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CONTROL Zone

Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

Welcome Screen

Hey, Boomers!

Hope you're having an Extremely Excellent Easter! You must be enjoying it more than Sonic is, judging by this issue's cover! Doctor Robotnik just loves this time of year.

On the menu for STC 23 is a free starter set of Panini **Eternal Champions stickers.** Inside is a chance for 100 Boomers to win the complete set of E.C. stickers - plus an album to stick them in. Its an opportunity no Champions fan can resist.

Meet Captain Plunder and his Pirates of the Mystic cave in this issue's **Sonic** story. He's major trouble for Sonic as we unfold one of the most amazing **Sonic** stories yet.

Ever wondered what Sonic's planet, Mobius, is really like? Well, prepare for **Sonic's World**, a mega new series starting in STC 25. Also featured in STC 25 - a hard-hitting new **Streets Of Rage** story. More about this next issue. Meanwhile, sneak a peak at this issue's back cover for a tantalising teaser of the action to come.

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To all those Boomers who were hoping to see the new STC Back Issues Service this issue - hold on! Last minute fine tuning of the service means we have postponed its appearance until next issue. Count the days till STC 24!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Pirates of the Mystic Cave

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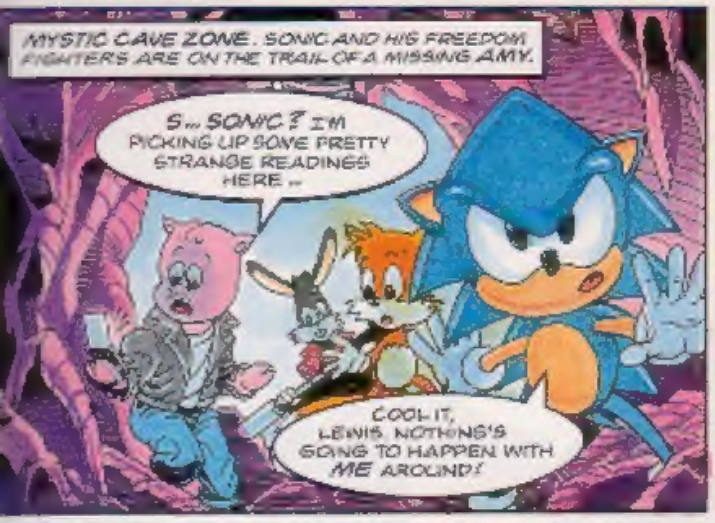


THIS BADNIK IS EMPTY. ANY OF YOURS GOT A PRISONER, SONIC?

KAPOW!

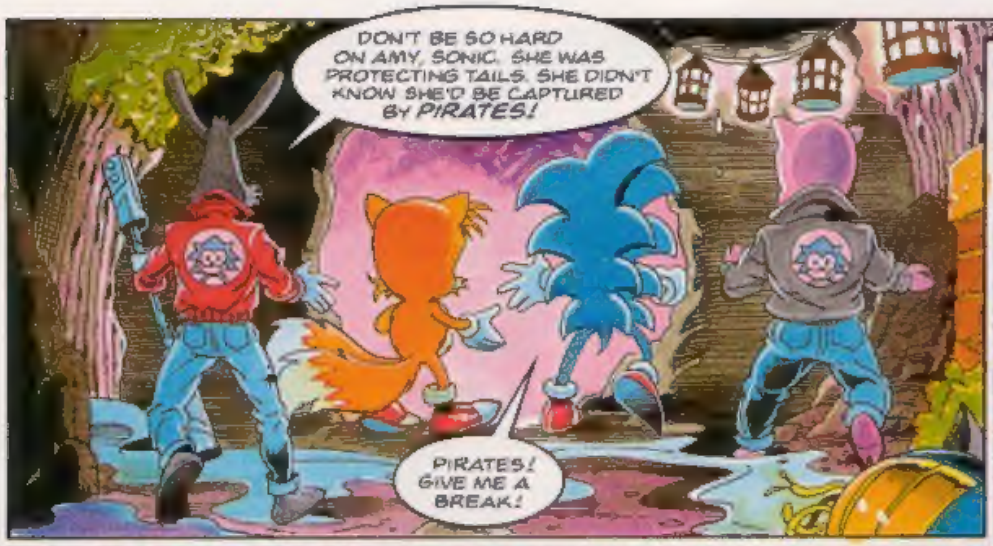
YOU OKAY, PORKER?

NOT A ONE, DUDE!

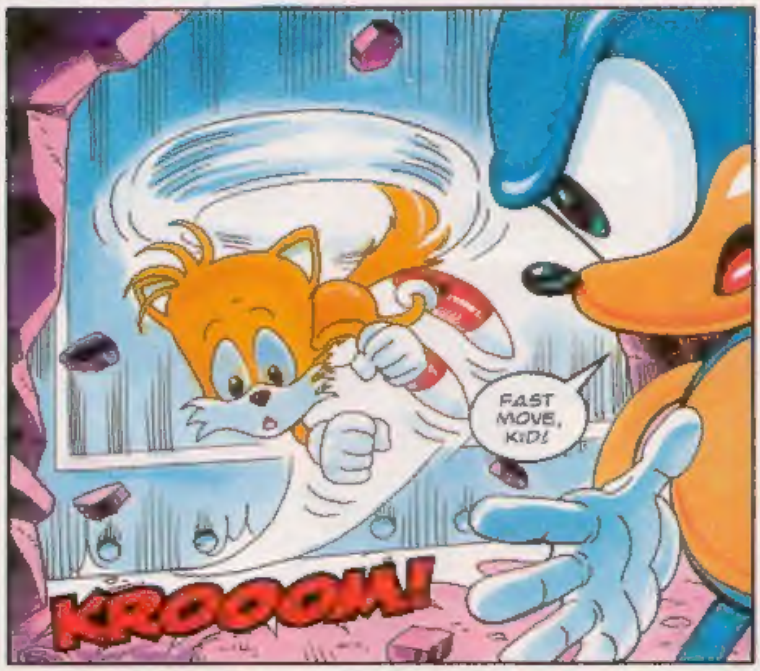
ACCORDING TO THESE READINGS WE'VE ALMOST FOUND AMY. WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE HER!

RESCUE HER AGAIN, YOU MEAN! I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE TROUBLE!

KLANG!


DON'T BE SO HARD ON AMY, SONIC. SHE WAS PROTECTING TAILS. SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE'D BE CAPTURED BY PIRATES!
PIRATES! GIVE ME A BREAK!

SONIC!
HUH...?


FAST MOVE, KID!
KROOOM!

I COULDN'T LET YOU FACE THINGS ALONE, SONIC.

JUST TRY NOT TO GET TAKEN PRISONER OR ANYTHING, OKAY?
WHICH WAY, SONIC?
LET'S GO LEFT...

ON THE OTHER HAND...
FLASHERS! THEY'RE ALL CHARGED UP... ONE TOUCH AND IT'S ALL OVER!

MOVE IT, TAILS! THOSE BADNIKS AREN'T FOOLING AROUND!
UH OH...
BOY, I REALLY HATE DAYS LIKE THIS...
ARRRGGGH!
KRZZZKKK!
AARRRGGH!

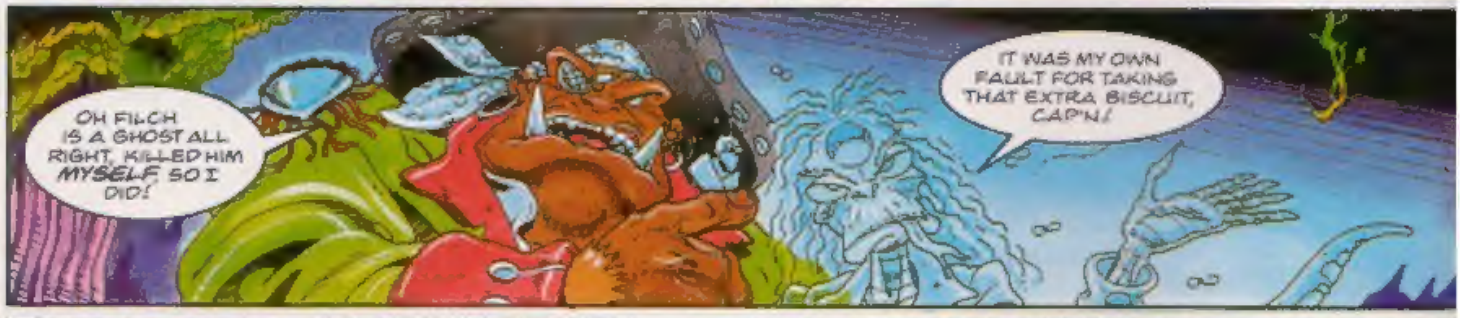
A LITTLE LATER...
OOOOH! DID YOU GET THE NUMBER OF THAT TRUCK?
SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS SONIC, IS IT? HOW DIS-APPOINTING...
I AM CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND THESE ARE MY MYSTIC CAVE PIRATES!
HELLO SONIC! I KNEW YOU'D COME!
AMY!

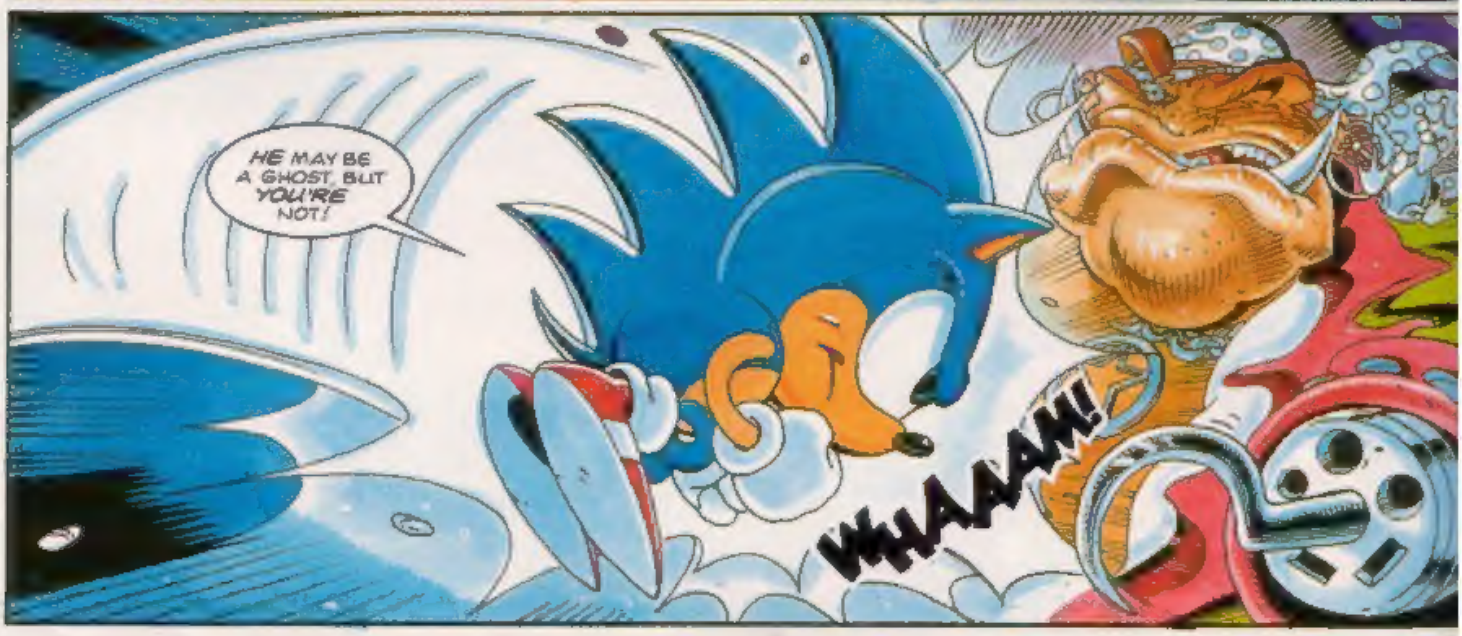
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE MATEY OR YOUR LITTLE FRIEND TAKES THE LONG FALL!
SONIC?
ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT. NOW WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHY, THE CHAOS EMERALDS OF COURSE!
THE MOST PRECIOUS GEMS ON MOBIUS AND YOU HAVE THEM!
THE CHAOS EMERALDS!? DO WHAT YOU LIKE TO US, WALRUS-CHOPS, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL NEVER GET HIS HANDS ON THOSE GEMS!
I'M NOT WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK, YOU POLTROON! I STOLE THOSE BADNIKS... THAT'S WHAT PIRATES DO!
I WANT THOSE EMERALDS... MAYBE THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND!
HEEELP!

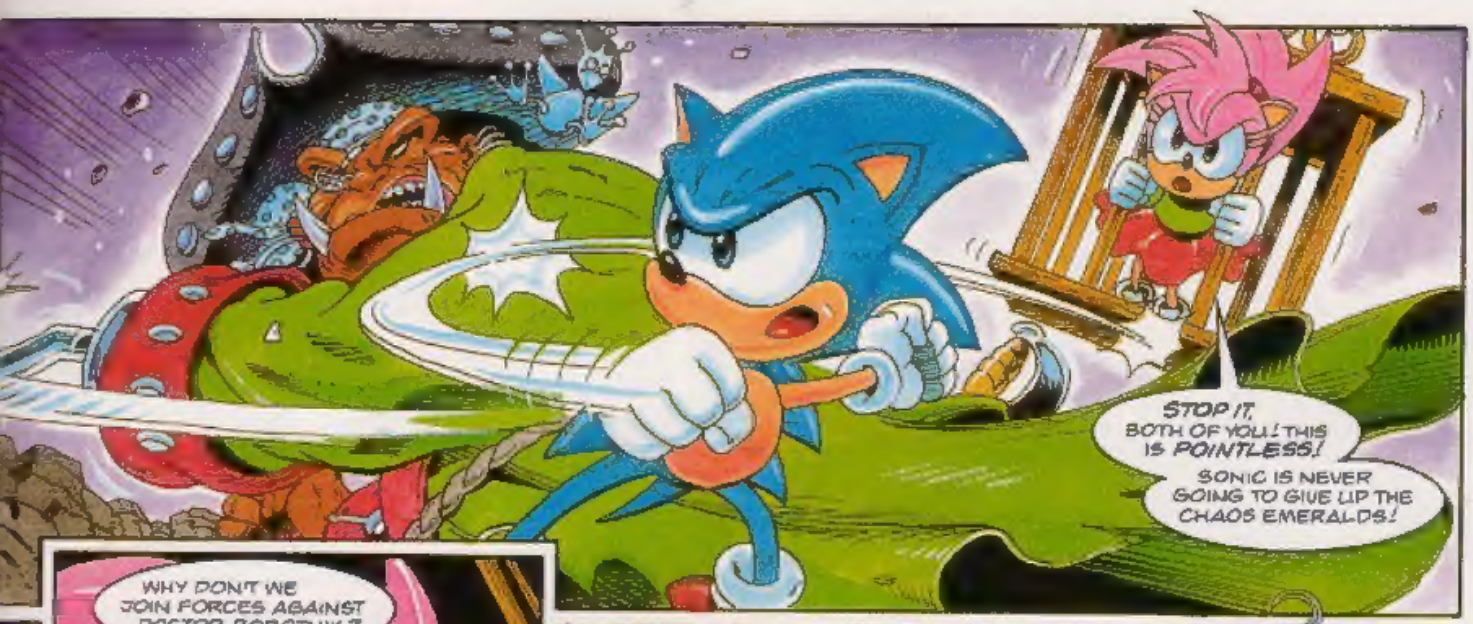
TAILS! YOU CAN FLY YOU IDIOT!

OH YEAH...
WHAT?
NOT MUCH OF A DISTRACTION BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO!

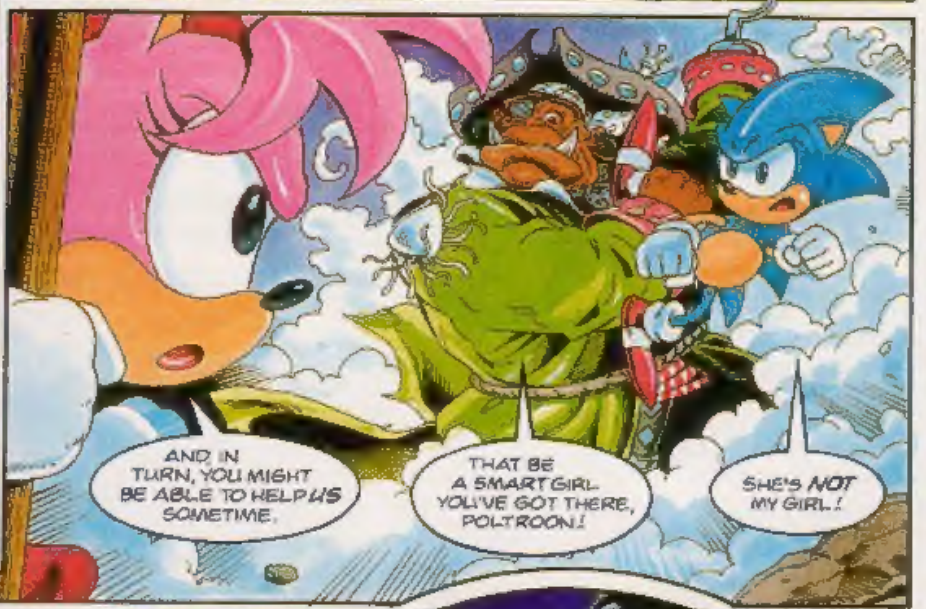
SPINATTACK... HUH?
CAN'T HURT ME, SONNY BOY! I'M A GHOST, SO I AM!
A GHOST? OH COME ON!

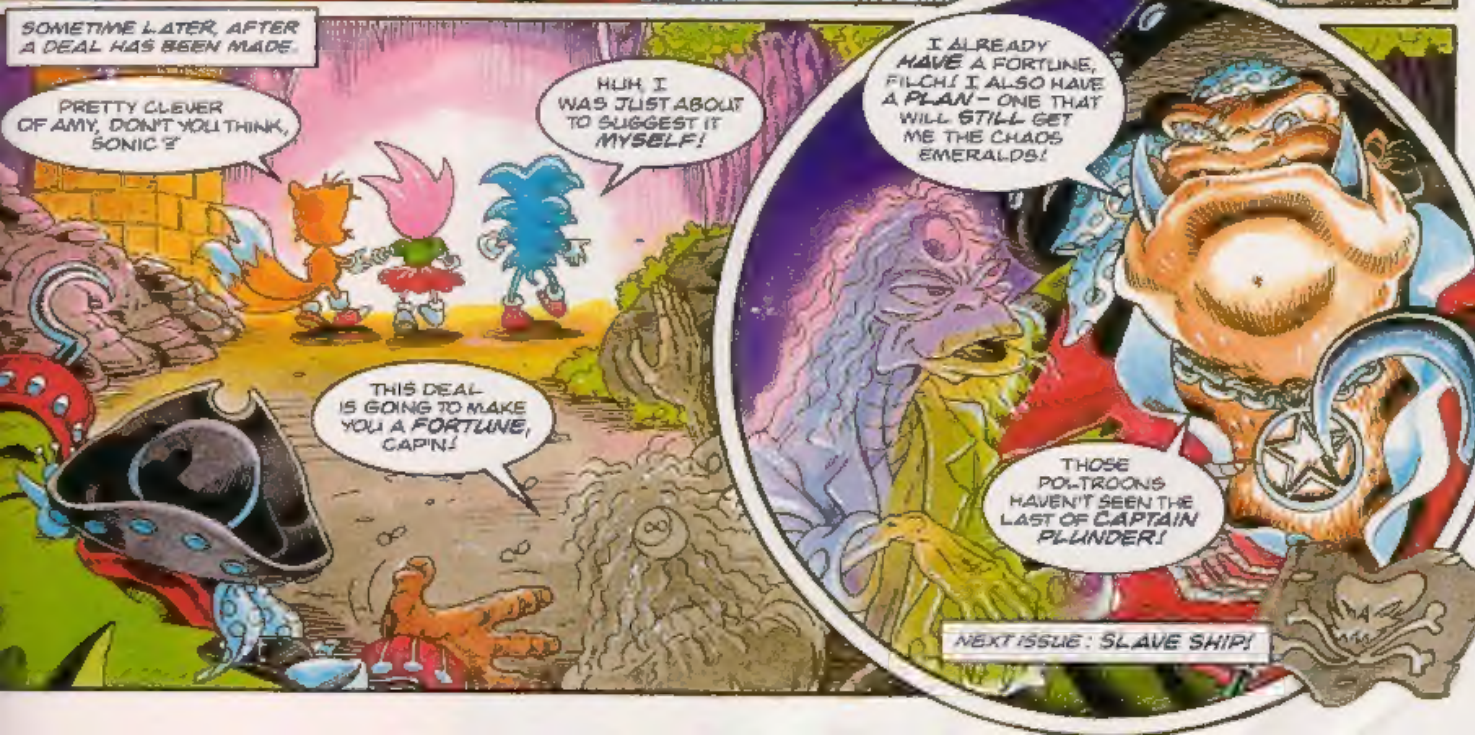

OH FILCH IS A GHOST ALL RIGHT, KILLED HIM MYSELF, SO I DID!
IT WAS MY OWN FAULT FOR TAKING THAT EXTRA BISCUIT, CAP'N!


HE MAY BE A GHOST, BUT YOU'RE NOT!
WHAAAAM!


STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU! THIS IS POINTLESS!
SONIC IS NEVER GOING TO GIVE UP THE CHAOS EMERALDS!

WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES AGAINST DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?
WE HAVE WAYS OF FINDING OUT ABOUT ROBOTNIK'S OPERATIONS*. WE CAN TELL YOU WHICH AIR FREIGHTERS ARE WORTH ROBBING.
* SONIC'S KINTOBAR COMPUTER CONSTANTLY MONITORS ROBOTNIK'S TRANSMISSIONS – MEGADROID.


AND, IN TURN, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US SOMETIME.
THAT BE A SMART GIRL YOU'VE GOT THERE, POLTROON!
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL!


SOMETIME LATER, AFTER A DEAL HAS BEEN MADE.
PRETTY CLEVER OF AMY, DON'T YOU THINK, SONIC?
HUH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SUGGEST IT MYSELF!
THIS DEAL IS GOING TO MAKE YOU A FORTUNE, CAP'N!
I ALREADY HAVE A FORTUNE, FILCH! I ALSO HAVE A PLAN – ONE THAT WILL STILL GET ME THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
THOSE POL-TROONS HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF CAPTAIN PLUNDER!
NEXT ISSUE: SLAVE SHIP!

REVIEW Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. STC Reviewers this issue: David Gibbon & Vincent Lowe.

C.J. ELEPHANT FUGITIVE!

game type: PLATFORM
1 PLAYER

GG

MD Mega Drive
MCD Mega CD
MS Master System
GG Game Gear

STC Rating System

under 40% - Yawnsville
40 - 70% - Normalsville
70 - 80% - Fun City
80 - 90% - Big Time City
over 90% - Mega City!

Enter into a world of pachyderms and platforms from Europe to Africa with Columbus Jumbo (so called due to the explorer Christopher Columbus).

C.J. Elephant Fugitive! is your basic platform game where the objective is to return C.J. to his herd in Africa. As C.J. was elephant-napped from his family and placed in an English zoo, your mission is to guide him from London, around Europe and eventually return him to Africa.

The game comprises of six worlds, each consisting of three levels and an end of level boss. When in London you find yourself having to contend with stroppy businessmen and overhead attacks from pigeons with the usual digestion problems. C.J. starts off with three hearts, which diminish each time you get hit. However, further hearts do appear at random to increase your energy levels. There is an unlimited supply of peanuts to shoot the baddies with, plus a small amount of elephant head bombs. C.J. is also armed with a macho-style umbrella which helps to cushion any long falls!

The enemies and scenery which feature are relevant to the specific countries; you see the Eiffel Tower in Paris and get to fight off snails and hopping frogs, while in Cairo there are the ancient pyramids and nasty mummies.

C.J. Elephant Fugitive! is a fun platformer and should improve your geography. However, although it's ideal if you're a platform game addict, don't expect anything original as it's all been done before. - DG.

FAST FAX

PUBLISHER: CODEMASTERS
PRICE: £21.99

GRAPHICS 81
SOUND 78
PLAYABILITY 76

RAVES: The cheapest Game Gear release ever!

GRAVES: Yet another dog-standard platformer.

OVERALL 79%

ALADDIN

MS

game type: ACTION
1 PLAYER

If you enjoyed Disney's film Aladdin you'll be thrilled with the game on the 8-bit Master System, as it closely follows the movie plot. **Aladdin** features you in the lead role and Princess Jasmin reliving the same scenes but with special interludes that are directly from the film, with the same text!

The first stage of **Aladdin** features you being chased by a guard for stealing bread from a stall. You have to dodge the dreaded clutches of the guard as you leap over barrels and holes and avoid high and low flying casks.

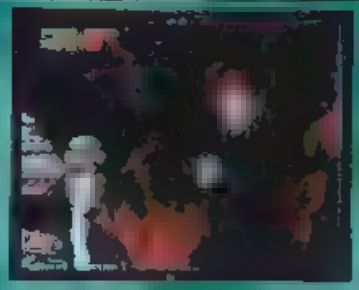
The other stages have you leaping across rooftops, flying on a magic carpet, travelling in underground passages and the palace itself.

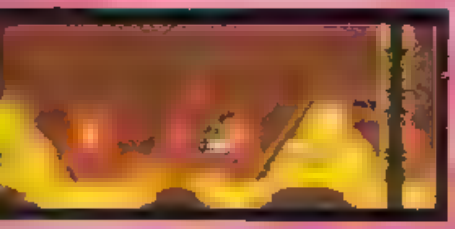
The graphics are superb with wonderful detail and colour and are Disney-like in quality (as are the interlude animation scenes). The tunes will have you tapping your foot to the action and the music is also from the film.

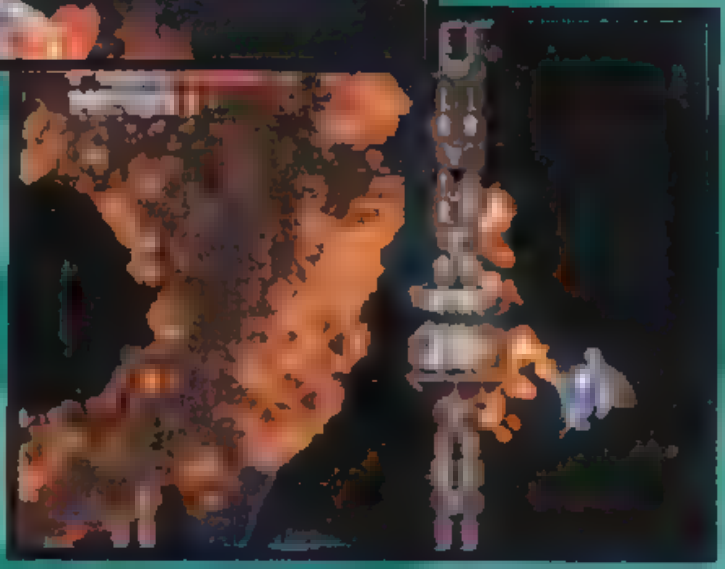
Overall, **Aladdin** is a fun and playable game and the only real downer is the difficulty level, which perhaps the more experienced players may find too easy. - VL.

SUBTERRANIA

game type: ACTION
1 PLAYER







THE ETERNAL CHAMPIONS

PART 5

2345. SIX ETERNAL CHAMPIONS SEEK HI-TECH WEAPONS TO FREE COMRADES TRAPPED IN 1994, BUT FIRST THEY MUST DEFEAT A BIO-MECHANICAL TAG TEAM IN THE CYBER-DOME

STAY SHARP, CHAMPIONS! THESE ROOKIES AIN'T SO TOUGH, BUT THEY'RE BUILT WITH TOP FLIGHT TECHNOLOGY

FZZZKK!

TOUGH ENOUGH TO TRASH YOU AND YOUR PALS, COSMELL

IF YOU SHARPER'S PALTRY FIGHTING ABILITIES, YOUR DEFEAT WILL BE SWIFT, FIGHTER

YOUR TECHNOLOGY IS BUT CRUDE MECHANICS. THIS AGE STILL HAS NO DEFENCE AGAINST THE ANCIENT ARTS OF MAGICK

KRAK!

GOOD POINT, XAVIER. BUT THESE GUYS STILL PACK SOME PRETTY FANCY RAY GUNS

IN ANY ERA A SUN MUST END ITS TARGET TO BE EFFECTIVE PHASE SPEED!
MAYBE NOT. WITH A SUN BATTLE GIVEN THE ARENA GUARDS TIME TO REGROUP NO WAY WE CAN REACH THE TRANSPORT STORE NOW
THESE GUNS ARE PRIMED AND LOADED THEY'RE ALL
USELESS ACTION THE WEAPONS ARE BIO-WELDED TO THE ROBOTS IT WOULD TAKE MICRO SURGERY TO REMOVE THEM
I NEED NOT TAKE SSO LONG

KKKUNKN
ISOLATES
ARRGHH!
THEN WE'RE OUTTA HERE
AIN'T FINISHED YET
FREAKS AND MISFITS
YOU DO
WE'RE READY
FOR NAKANO INDUSTRIES
ANOTHER TIME
TRAITOR
BREAKING OUT THAN
NAKANO WILL
NOT LET US GO
WITHOUT A
FIGHT
ENERGY DEFENCES
SLASH READY

COOL IT, SLASH IT'S JUST THE SEVENTH CAVALRY COME TO THE RESCUE
SHADOW YOU'RE SAFE!
NAKANO INTERROGATED US ABOUT THE BIO-KEY HIS WORK IS PROGRESSING BUT INCOMPLETE
WE WIPED AS MUCH AS WE COULD FROM HIS FILES. BUT HE MAY ALREADY BE WORKING ON PROTOTYPE WEAPONS
THEN WE GOTTA TRASH WHAT HE DOES HAVE BEFORE IT CAN DEVELOP INTO OVERLORD TECHNOLOGY
IS THIS BIO-KEY STUFF REALLY SO DANGEROUS THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK IN THERE?
IN THIS TIME YES IT COULD NOT ONLY SOW THE SEED OF FUTURE DESTRUCTION, BUT CAUSE UNTOLD CARNAGE IN THE PRESENT
SLASH STILL NOT UNDERSTAND
THEN LET ME ENLIGHTEN YOU NEANDERTHAL IT'S REALLY VERY SIMPLE

BIO-KEY PLACES HARD
NEURAL SENSORS SCAN MY MIND PATTERNS FOR BATTLE ORDERS
NAVIGATION CONTROLLERS MAP MY CHOSEN FLIGHT PATH DIRECT FROM THE SURFACE OF MY BRAIN
I CAN LOCK AND LAUNCH MISSILES WITH A THOUGHT AND A GLANCE. MACHINE AND MIND WORK IN COMPLETE HARMONY
YOU CAME TO NAKANO INDUSTRIES TO STOP THE FUTURE OF BIO-KEY WEAPONS. YOU ARE TOO LATE
THE FUTURE IS HERE!
BRAK-KA-BOOOMM!

NEWS Zone

A CART BUILT FOR FOUR

J-CART BRINGS FRIENDS TOGETHER!

Playing Sega games on your own can be entertaining, but for a laugh and a bucket of ice cream, nothing like taking on a friend – or three. Unfortunately, there are very few multi-player Sega games around. The few that are available can only be enjoyed by more than two players if you buy a special piece of hardware such as Sega's Mega Tap or Electronic Arts' 4 Way Play at a cost of £25.00 and £20.00, respectively. So far only Tengen's *Gauntlet IV* works with both adaptors.

But wait! Codemasters have announced **J-Cart** for the Mega Drive. Every **J-Cart** comes with its own built-in four way play facility, so as long as you have the friends and Control Pads you can enjoy the thrills and spills of multi-player action and all for the price of the standard cartridge.

Tennis All-Stars

The first **J-Cart** release will be **Tennis All-Stars** in May. Two other **J-Cart** titles in production are **Micro Machines 2** and **Psycho Pinball** for release later this year.

The **J-Cart** adaptor can't be used with any other cartridge, but the fact that a four player option comes free with certain Codemasters games shouldn't be sneered at.

BLASTING THE PAST

CLASSIC BLASTER HEADS FOR 8-BIT CONSOLES

Dropzone

Dropzone

Dropzone

VIRTUA FIGHTER STORMS THE ARCADES

THE FUTURE OF SIMULATED COMBAT?

Have you seen Sega's **Virtua Fighter** in the arcades yet? Woosah! It's some mean machine – perhaps the best one-on-one combat simulator yet. What makes **Virtua Fighter** stand out from the *Street Fighter II* crowd is its television-like presentation. The eight characters are built from polygons, which makes them look as though they are carved from wood, but their movements are amazing! It's a new level of realism. A 'camera' follows the action and somehow it manages to zoom in and out and pan around to present a film-like view without ever getting in the way.

The fighters are as follows . . . Akira is best described as a Rye-like character, Kage is a ninja, Pai's a sort of Chen Li-ish type, Jacky's a blond, spiky-haired chap, Jeffry is bearded with dreadlocks, Sarah's a lean, mean lady, Lau's a despicable-looking dude with a moustache and a pony-tail, and Wolf has potsy teeth.

Control buttons have been kept to a minimum – one for punches, one for kicks and one for defence – but many different combinations are possible. The characters all have their own variations of half-a-dozen or so special moves (such as a throw and the ability to jump onto fallen opponent – a sight to behold!) plus their unique 'powers'.

A conversion of **Virtua Fighter** for Sega's new super-duper Saturn machine is happening right now, and it's said to be almost as good as the arcade machine! A Mega Drive version will only be considered if **Virtua Racing** is successful when it's released this month (some technical experts predict that it would have to be priced at almost £100 to cover the cost of the Sega Virtual Processor inside the cartridge, which helps the Mega Drive run the 3D shape stuff at a playable speed).

In the meantime, look out for the Virtua Fighter arcade machine – it's as impressive to watch as it is to play, and it could redefine the way some people think about arcade action.

IMAGINATIVE IMAGINEER

NEW TITLES TARGETED AT MEGA DRIVE

[illegible] as a development to the Mega [illegible] kicking off with **Kick Off III** [illegible] **Wolfenstein** for release after the year. **Wolfenstein** first appeared for the [illegible] It's an atmospheric three dimensional [illegible] though the player were there. Captain [illegible] deep [illegible] and a hand gun. [illegible] got into Castle Wolfenstein's maze like [illegible] warmed up the mad scientists in an attempt [illegible] and prevent an Allied defeat [illegible] gun and one of them's a real [illegible]

The 3D battle action of Wolfenstein on the IBM PC [illegible] the Mega Drive's [illegible]

PLUG IN AND PLAY?

IS A 'UNIVERSAL' VIRTUA CART ON THE WAY?

Sonic The Comic would never stoop so low as to blow mere speculation out of proportion for the sake of a story. But here is a morsel of gossip that we hope has fallen from a veritable banquet table. Rumour has it that Sega has been considering the possibility of releasing **Virtua Racing** as a plug through cartridge. This would mean Sega selling a special cartridge featuring the new Sega Virtua Processor (used to drive the 3D polygon shapes), then the **Virtua Racing** cartridge – and theoretically further Virtua releases – would be purchased separately and plugged straight in to the SVP cartridge. Obviously, there would be an extra one-off cost for the SVP cartridge, but it would mean that the price of **Virtua Racing** – and subsequent polygon-based releases – would be kept to a more desirable level (see **Virtua Fighter** item).

The bad news is that the plug-through approach may not be implemented because it opens up the possibility of other development teams will sing Sega's technology for their own polygon driven games. That said, the potential for decent 3D games could prolong the life of the Mega Drive, especially when you consider that publishers are already turning their attention to Sega's new Saturn machine. Existing polygon based games such as *LHX Attack Chopper* and *Hard Drivin'*, which are slow and clumsy, would benefit enormously from the extra processing power (though those titles would need to be rewritten).

Fingers crossed that Sega plumps for the plug through system.

SHORT BURSTS

ACCLAIM ACTIVITIES

Don't hold your breath . . . There we were expecting to see Acclaim's new Mega Drive soccer simulation, **Ryan Giggs's Soccer**, in January but it turned out that it's release was around Easter . . . Acclaim's Mega Drive American Football simulation **NFL Quarterback Club** (written by Park Place of *John Madden* fame) has been put back to June . . . **Maximum Carnage**, the new **Spider-Man** adventure for the Mega Drive, is now due for release in September.

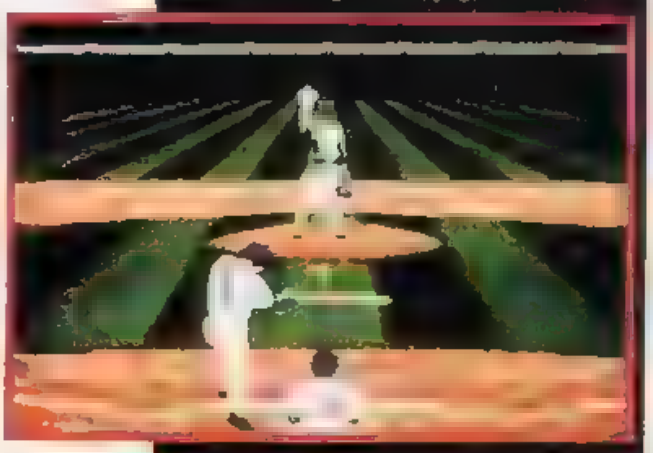
And from the 'old' Acclaim titles to the new . . . In the same month, and also for the Mega Drive, we can expect to see two new games starring key figures from *The Simpsons* television show. In **Virtual Bart** – surprise – Bart Simpson enters the wacky world of Virtual Reality. "It's very bizarre," says an Acclaim spokesperson, "but that's all I can say for now." **Itchy And Scratchy** on the other hand is a platform-based affair in which the cat and mouse duo remain the best of enemies and attempt to beat each other senseless – all in the best possible taste of course.

Finally, from Acclaim for the Mega Drive in September, there's **Stargate** which is based on the new big-budget science fiction film directed by Roland Emmerlich (anyone remember the terrible *'Moon 44'*?) starring Kurt Russell as a futuristic soldier.

SONY'S SOCCER SOLACE

Sports fans who are sick to the back teeth with World Cup soccer overkill may wish to seek solace in yet another addition, the already over-subscribed Baseball and American Football scenes . . . Sony Electronic Publishing is releasing **ESPN Baseball Tonight** and **ESPN Sunday Night NFL** for the Mega Drive and Mega-CD this month. Both simulations feature 28 teams of digitised athletes plus full leagues, seasons and tournaments, and unique footage and commentary from the ESPN sports network.

ESPN Baseball Tonight – and every digit



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40 Runners-Up will each receive:

30 2nd Prize Winners will each receive:

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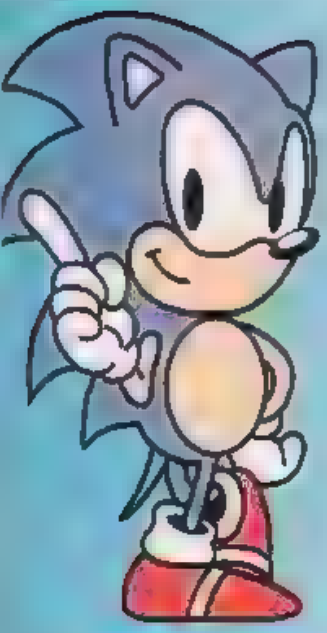
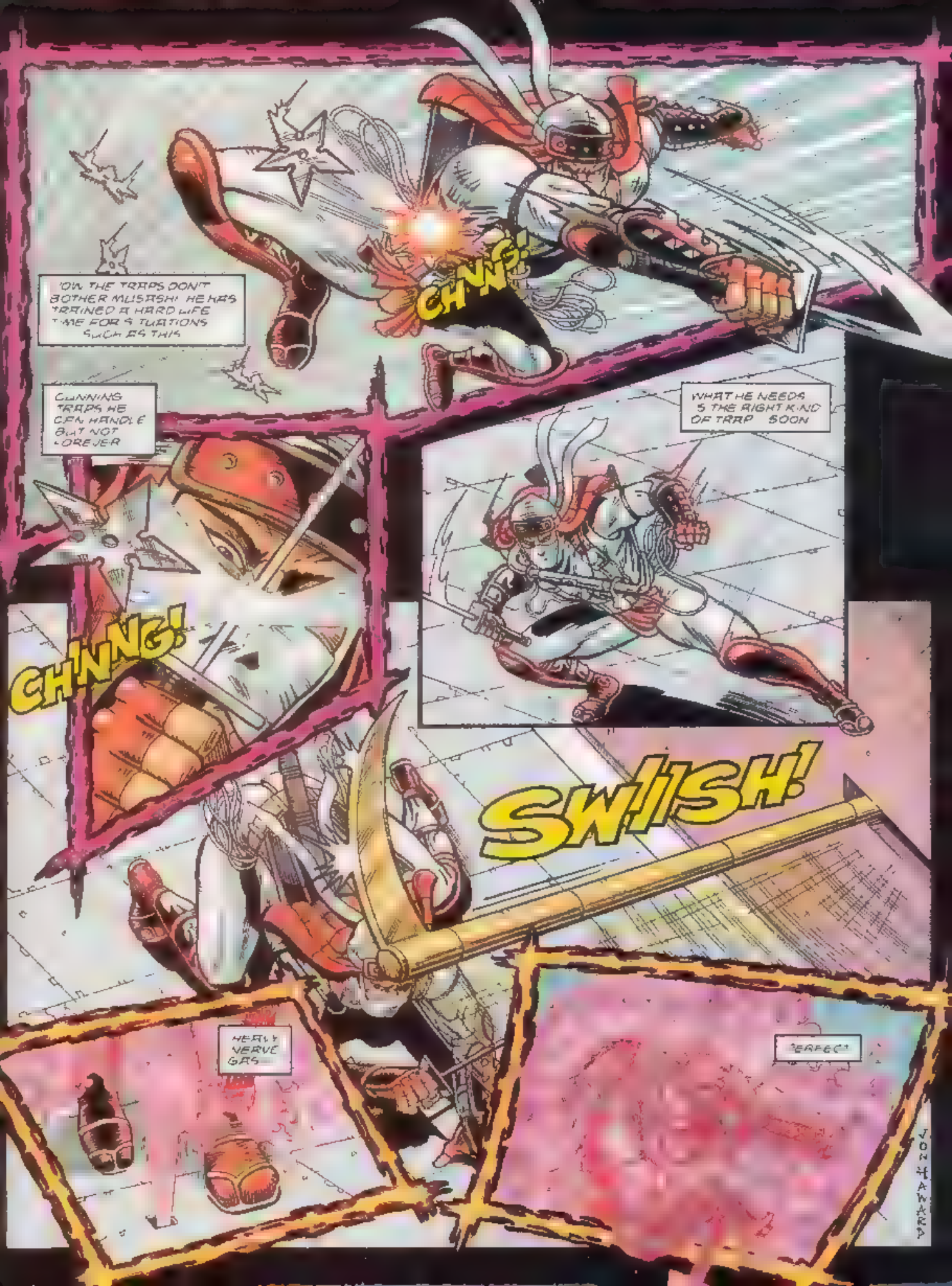


The circles indicate where the 10 differences occured, as spotted by the eagle-eyed winners.

Shinobi
ART OF WAR
Part 3
TOE MUSASH: DISGUISED AS A WARRIOR OF THE EVIL NEO ZEED, IS TRAPPED IN A SEALED SECTION OF CORRIDOR IN THE NEO ZEED HQ
YOU ARE A FOOL MUSASH
YOU FORGOT THE SAGE SUN TZU'S FUNDAMENTAL RULE
R!PP!
NEVER BATTLE AN ENEMY ON HIS OWN GROUND"
YOU WASTE YOUR STRENGTH THERE IS NO ESCAPE
IF YOU WISH TO BATTLE THE NEO ZEED FIRST YOU MUST PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY

BEFORE YOU HAVE A BATTLE SIMULATION ALL OUR SENIOR OFFICERS MUST SUCCESSFULLY PASS THROUGH BEFORE THEY PASS UP THE LADDER OF PROMOTION
AND IN CASE YOU'RE NOT FEELING PROPERLY MOTIVATED
HERE'S A LITTLE INCENTIVE
FWNORRR!

MOUNT HOTAKA MONASTERY FIVE YEARS EARLIER
ATTACK ME
KEEEA!
SENSEI! ARE YOU HURT?
NO, BUT YOU'RE DEAD
IT MATTERS NOT WHAT AN ENEMY THINKS OF YOU USE ANY TRICKERY TO WIN
ONLY THEN WILL YOU LIVE AS LONG AS ME


CH'NNG!
'OW THE TRAPS DON'T BOTHER MUSASHI HE HAS TRAINED A HARD LIFE TIME FOR SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS
CUNNING TRAPS HE CAN HANDLE BUT NOT FOREVER
WHAT HE NEEDS IS THE RIGHT KIND OF TRAP SOON
CH'NNG!
SWISH!
HEAVY NERVE GAS
PERFECT
JON HAWARD

TAKE THIS USELESS FOOL'S CARCASS OUT OF HERE
NEO ZEED NIGHTMARE

Q Zone

SONIC Solved

Q Zone presents a new service for the masses of Boomers who deluge STC requesting help with all the various Sonic The Hedgehog games. Q Zone will be taking individual Sonic games and putting them under the microscope with detailed instructions on how to get through the various zones, special stages, bosses etc. Stand by to have your Sonic problems solved.

Sonic Chaos

MS GG

Part 1 - THE ZONES

TURQUOISE HILL ZONE

ACT 1

An easy course to start you off.

Things to look out for:

- Two pairs of Sonic's new Rocket Shoes
- Hidden TVs with invincibility and an Extra Life
- A Mobius Strip
- A high ledge that leads to a secret board of four TVs containing rings

Things to watch out for:

- Spring Springs which bounce you upwards and usually into a sneaky Buzz
- A hidden passage that drops off onto spikes
- Springs hidden in the ground that suddenly pop you up when you walk over them
- Spiteful spikes that pop out of the ground
- Springers that [illegible] but we [illegible] to let you have it

GIGALOPOLIS ZONE

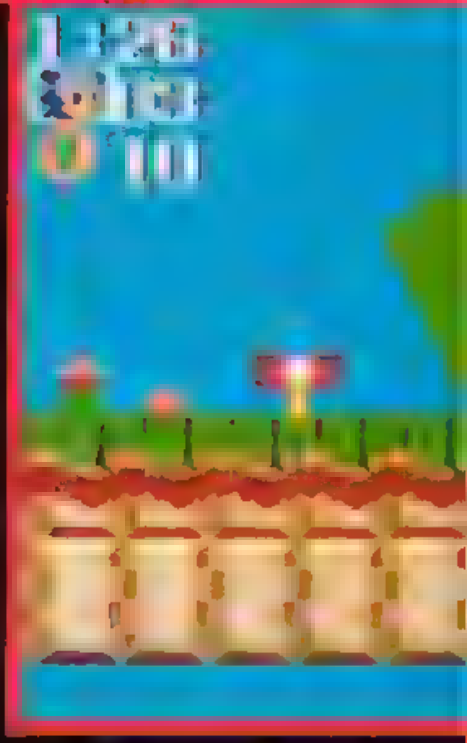
ACT 1

This stage is ENORMOUS!

You start to get a feel for the sheer size and challenge awaiting you in Sonic Chaos. Gigalopolis has a starry feel to it and the goodies are just packed in for you to discover.

Things to look out for:-

- TV's abound. Look carefully for 10



[illegible] ket Stage [illegible]

[illegible] elfer and you should [illegible] tforms.

[illegible] any rings you can [illegible]

[illegible] us strips, Spikes, [illegible] into a chamber and [illegible]. For those of you [illegible] ed there is a TV with [illegible]

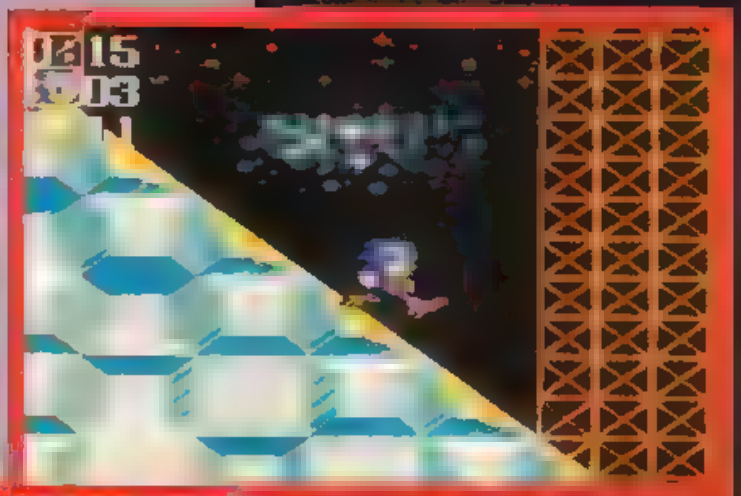
As for defeating the Big [illegible] wait for Part 4 of [illegible]

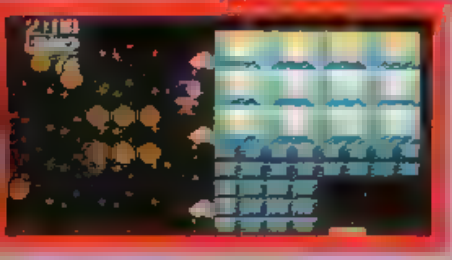
[illegible] rings an [illegible] Invincibility [illegible] Rocket Shoes

[illegible] to watch out [illegible]

- Hidden floor springs
- Extended loops
- Spikes
- Pick a new easily to take out a [illegible]

[illegible] want to get the [illegible] out of Sonic Chaos [illegible] memorise the [illegible] you can [illegible]





[illegible] around three ways [illegible] and [illegible] You are sure to find goodies hidden away [illegible] or below you as you go further into the game

ACT 2

[illegible] to look out for

- Plenty of rings to collect many of them in the top third of the stage
- TVs with one Sonic icon, three pairs of Rocket Shoes and invincibility and eight with rings
- Hidden chambers packed with rings and springs

as well as loops, tunnels, slip sliding walkways, spikes, and a fast chamber with springs on the ceiling and floor (my favourite stretch is the top of a tunnel with 54 (yes 54!) rings scattered along its length).

ACT 3

Time to take on another of Robotnik's creations. Getting to him is easy – [illegible] rather, Sonic's) nose.

You will see a moving platform just before you go into one of these tunnels. Jump on it and step off onto the top of the loop to your left. You will not be able to see yourself but you will hear that you hit something in the centre of the loop. Jump straight up and break it to get the Fast Shoes, then run hard right to the boss.

SLEEPING EGG ZONE

ACT 1

This is a pretty weird looking zone. Make your way across by breaking through [illegible] as well as [illegible] out those ever present [illegible]

Things to look out for

- The [illegible] TVs [illegible] they are getting harder to [illegible]
- Look out for TVs containing Rocket Shoes – the [illegible] and [illegible] with rings
- Sonic's new Pogo stick. This allows him to bounce high and then [illegible] off at the top of the bouncing [illegible] edges

Things to watch out for

[illegible] new pests!

ACT 2

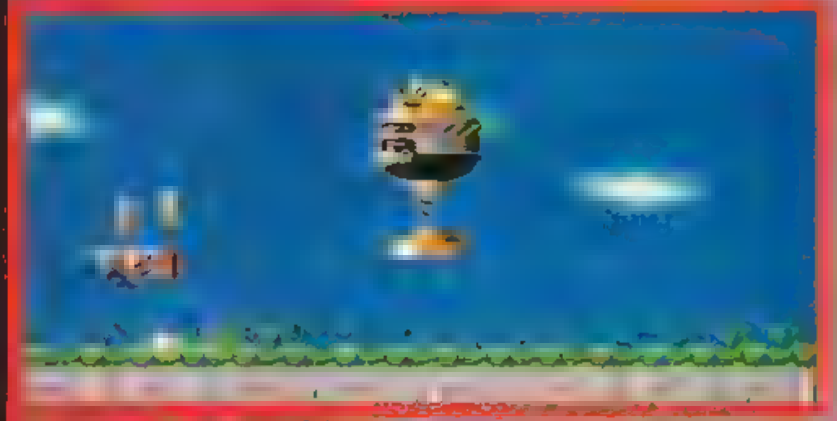
[illegible] goodies in this zone are in the top third of the stage. Watch out [illegible] here are more than enough pests [illegible] to bump you off. The route through is tricky, learn to use the Pogo in tight spots

Things to look out for

- [illegible] invincibility, two rings and Rocket Shoes once, and an extra life once

Things to watch out for

- Blocks
- Floor springs
- Bouncing Badniks
- Lethal floor traps gaps



ACT 3

Things to look out for

- TV with an Extra life
- A pounds bumper to zoom off
- Four TVs with rings

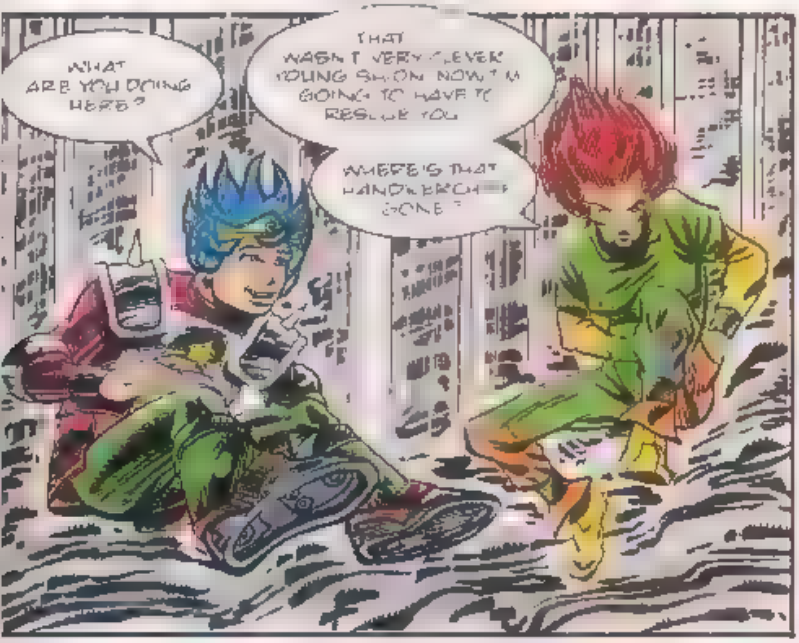
At the end of the stage lies your first real battle with Dr Robotnik and boy is he going to be one tough cookie to crack!

NEXT ISSUE: SONIC CHAOS PART 2

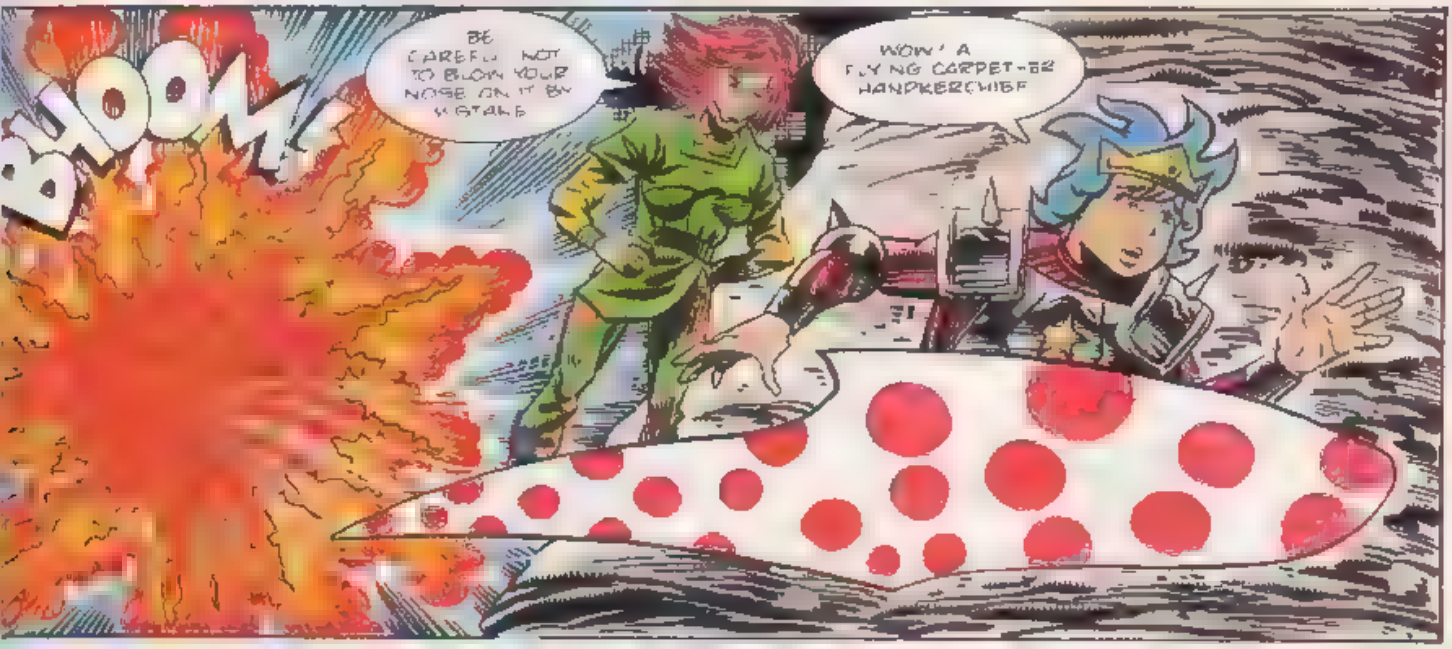
WONDER BOY
part 2
SKYROCK MOUNTAINS
GHOSTS
COSMOLOGY LOUNGE
BLAZES
BLAZES
I DON'T NEED MY BALANCE THESE STEVE CARS MUCH MORE EXCITING THAN
THE VOID
WHERE DO I GO NOW?
THE FLOATING STONES IN DEMON WORLD

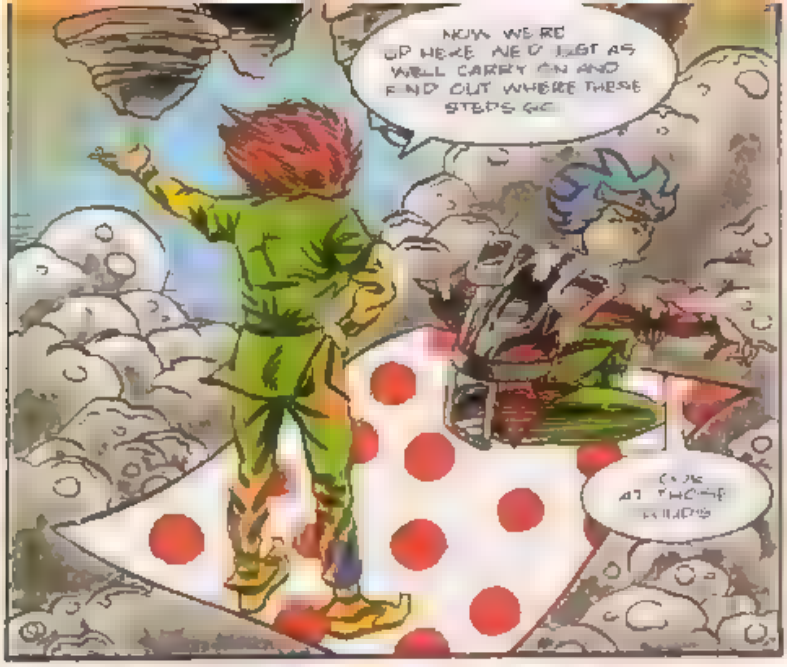
LAWKS
I'D BETTER RESCUE THE YOUNG WHIPPER SNAPPER
LOOKOUT BELOW

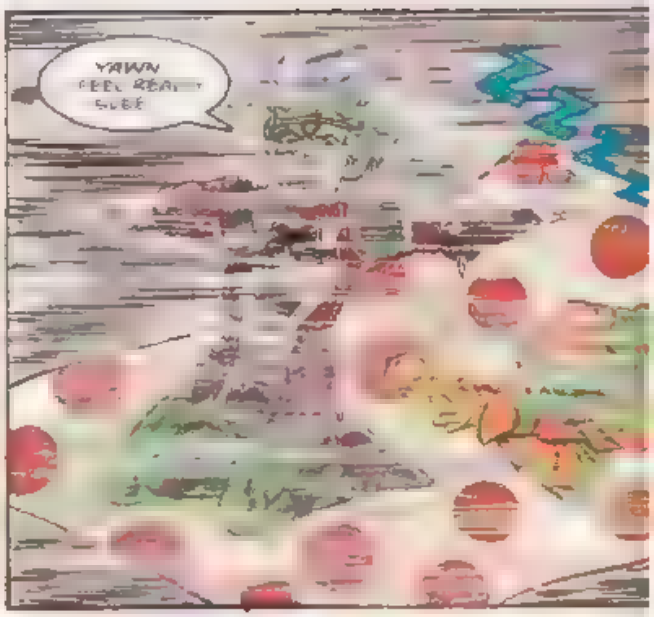
HOLD ON SHIKIN I AM COMING
WHO? LOOKOUT!

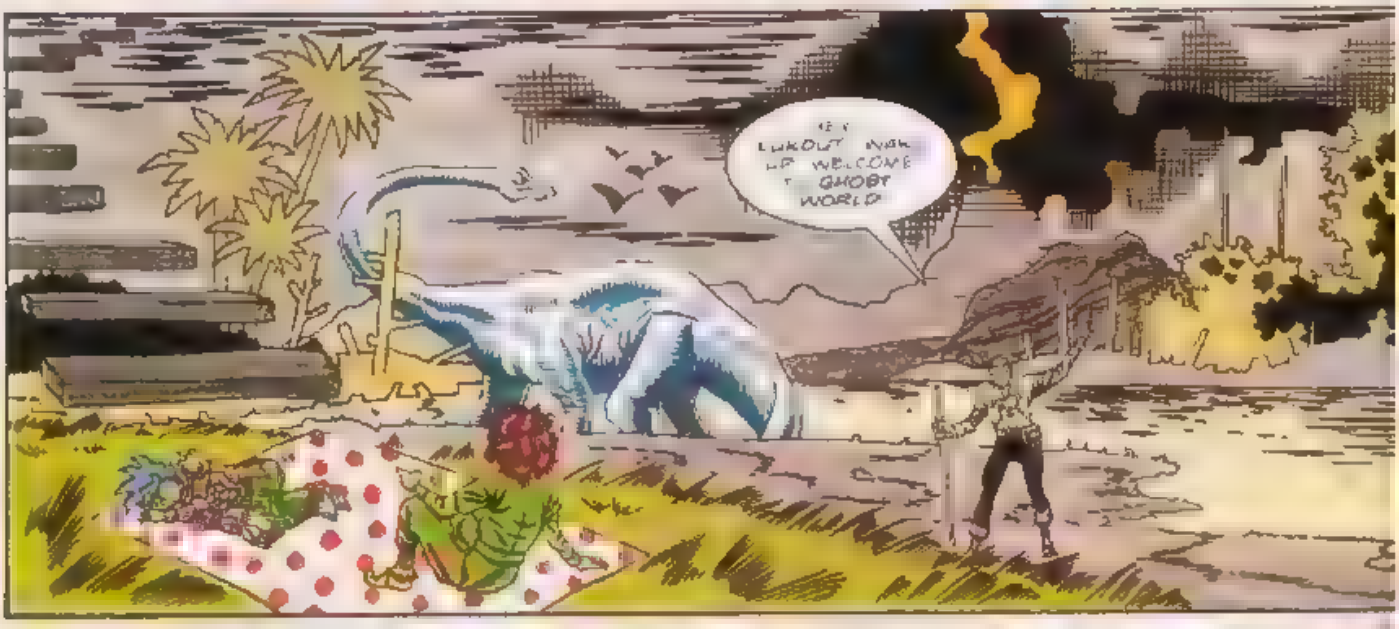

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THAT WASN'T VERY CLEVER YOUNG SHIKIN NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO RESCUE YOU
WHERE'S THAT HANDKERCHIEF GONE?

HANDKERCHIEF?
A MAGIC HANDKERCHIEF IT'S THE SORT OF THING A PERSON WHO LIVES ON FLOATING MOUNTAINS ALWAYS CARRIES
ALLAHKHAZAM!

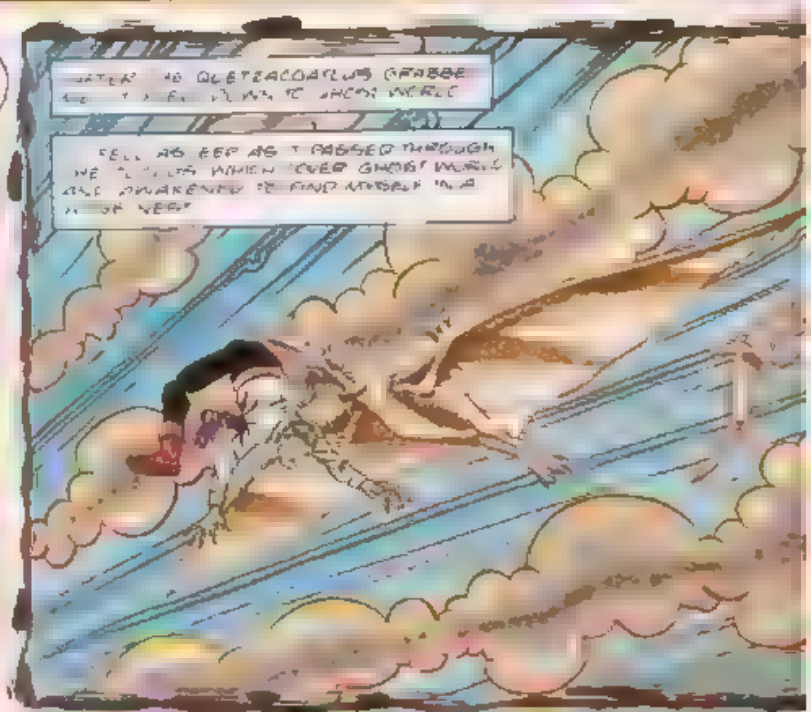

BE CAREFUL NOT TO BLOW YOUR NOSE ON IT BY MISTAKE
WOW! A FLYING CARPET-CUM HANDKERCHIEF
BLOOM


NOW WE'RE UP HERE WE'D JUST AS WELL CARRY ON AND FIND OUT WHERE THESE STEPS GO
LOOK AT THOSE CLOUDS


YAWN
FEEL REALLY SLEEP


HEY LOOKOUT NOW UP WELCOME TO GHOST WORLD

WORDSMITH! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD FOR SURE WHEN THAT PTERADACTYL CARRIED YOU OFF
QUETZACOATLUS
BLEEGH YOU
NO THAT'S THE NAME OF THE THING THAT CARRIED ME UP


LATER AS QUETZACOATLUS GRABBE
FELL AS DEEP AS I PASSED THROUGH THE PORTAL WHEN I FIRST GHOST WORLD AND AWAKENED TO FIND MYSELF IN A

"I WAS ABLE TO CREEP OUT OF IT BEFORE I WAS PUT ON THE MENU.

"I WAS LUCKY THE CLOUDS COVERING GHOST WORLD DIDN'T PUT ME TO SLEEP FOR LONGER.

"I WAS ONLY JUST ABLE TO ESCAPE WITH MY LIFE."

I MADE MY WAY HERE BUT I COULDN'T CLIMB THE STEPS BECAUSE OF THE SLEEP CLOUDS.

HOWEVER, I WAS ABLE TO COMPOSE SOME POETRY...

POETRY?

HE'S ONE OF THE SKYROCK POETS. BLOCK YOUR EARS.

I SAW A DINOSAUR FLY BY; IT HAD A MEAN LOOK IN ITS EYE.
I STARTED TO SHAKE AND QUIVER
THAT DINOSAUR MADE ME SHIVER
(THOUGH NOT WITH COLD.)

GROWER. KILL KILL...

I THINK HE MUST'VE HEARD WORDSMITH'S POEM.

NEXT ISSUE: DINOTOWN.

SPEEDLINES

Dash off a letter, draw a quick sketch. In short, sound off to Megadroid about anything you want to do with STC, Sega or the meaning of life as we know it!

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Write your name, address and Sega system you use (MD, MCD, MS or GG) clearly on your letter or drawing. Every one printed on this page wins a Segasational prize!

Megadroid regrets that drawings cannot be returned or correspondence entered into.

One For The Ode

I love Sonic the comic
And those who don't are moronic!
Sonic never fails in his quest,
That blue hedgehog is by far the best,
But the way he treats Tails is quite chronic!
Carla Padmore, Anstey, Leics. MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Thanks Carla for your ditty
Even though it was quite bitty
Until the next time that you write
I'll keep your memory burning bright.

How Much Is That Dino In The...?

Dear STC,

I have a query about the price of the Jurassic Park MD game that was reviewed way back in issue eight of STC. In the review the price was quoted as £29.99, but I have seen it in the shops for £49.99. I am sure it is the same game so which price is right?

Sally Antell, Castle Cary, Somerset.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

£49.99 is the right price. Those humes-who-think-they're-in-charge claim that the prices alter occasionally. Typical hume excuse, if you ask me Sally.

Recognise this rapel with two tails?
(Steer) Hookie, Sherwoliffe, Folkestone.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Calm Palmer

Dear STC,

I thought that the **Tails** strip, **The Land Beyond** was cool, but was disappointed when it finished in issue 21. Also, I thought you might be interested to know that whenever I get angry I read your comic and it calms me down.

Nicholas Palmer, Compton, Surrey.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

P.S. I've enclosed 10p for Megadroid.

As much as it pains me, please refrain from sending money, as it only gets pilfered by the editor who's saving up for a holiday to Bridlington. (Incidentally, he assures me that Tails will return.)

Apparently the Boomtown Rats have a Sonic The Punk
Lee Hutching, Tile Cross, Birmingham.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Doubting Alan

Dear STC,

I have been an avid reader of yours since issue three and have found STC to be the best magazine I've seen. The only problem, however, is your letters page. You have pointed out that there isn't enough room to print every letter and yet sometimes you make up your own letters, claiming they're from Doctor Robotnik.

Alan Brooks, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.
MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

These are pseudonyms, Alan, sent in by numerous humes.

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ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
AND

SHINOBI
REACH THEIR THRILLING CLIMAX

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Tell us your name, age & address.

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
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.....AGE.....

HOT-SHOTS ONLY!

Enter your high score or achievement here!

GAME.....
SCORE/ACHIEVEMENT
.....
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SYSTEM:- (please tick)
MD ☐ MS ☐ GG ☐ MCD ☐

GAME INTO STRIP

What SEGA game would you like to see as a STC strip in the future?

I THINK.....
.....
would make a great comic strip in STC

MEGA HITS THIS ISSUE!

List your three favourite stories in this issue in order of preference

1.....
2.....
3.....

HOW DO YOU RATE ISSUE 23 OF STC?

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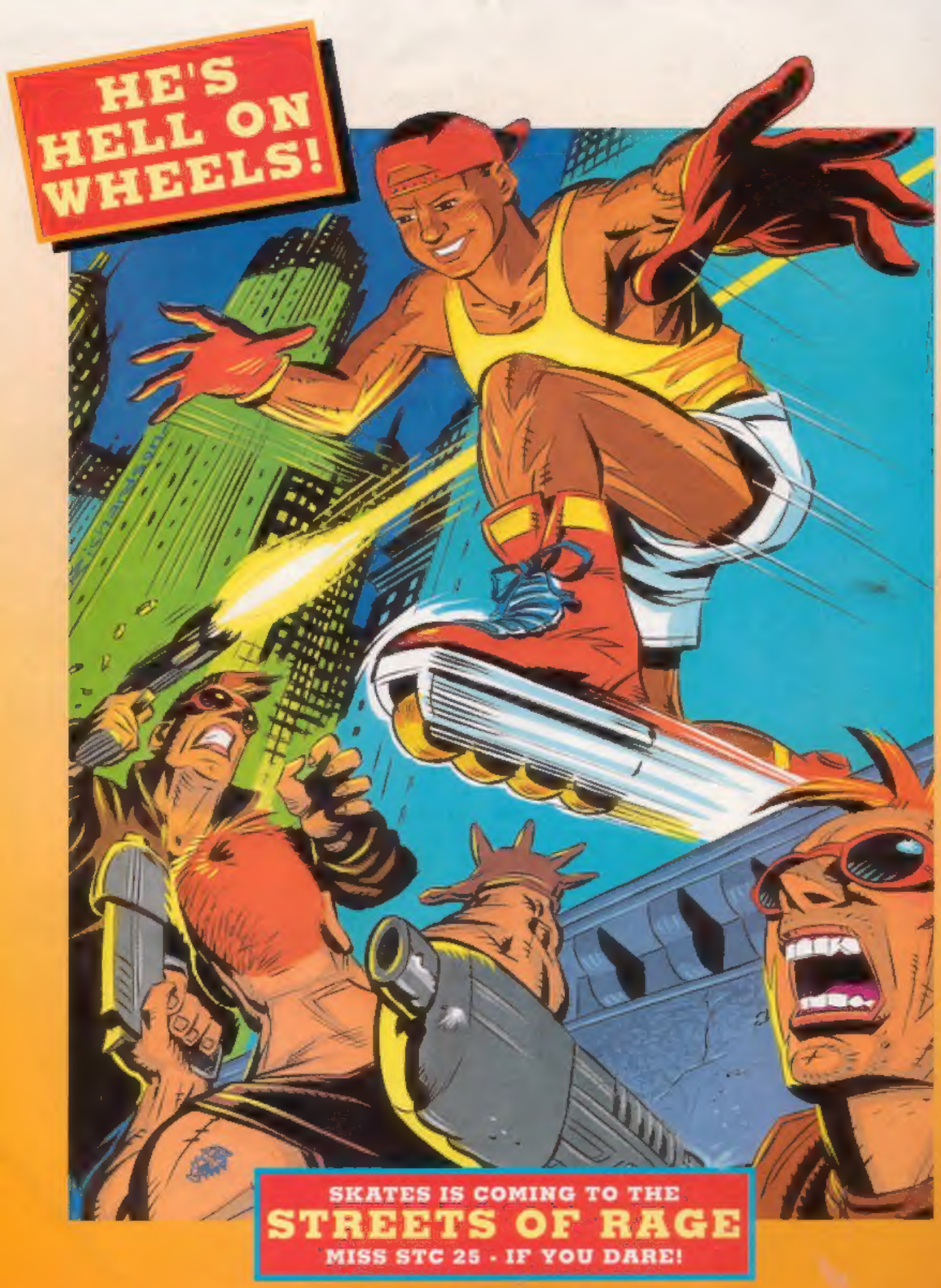
HE'S HELL ON WHEELS!
SKATES IS COMING TO THE
STREETS OF RAGE
MISS STC 25 - IF YOU DARE!